The Attingal Town Arrack Shop.

98. ✻ **MR. S. GOVINDA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Attingal town arrack shop is located opposite to the school;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received to shift the shop from that locality; and

(*c*) if so, whether any action was taken in the matter?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A representation has been very recently received. The matter is under enquiry.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*): May I know whether there is any rule regulating the distance between a school and an arrack shop?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The minimum distance laid down in a circular is two furlongs.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Kidangannoor School has got a toddy shop immediately in the neighbouring compound?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN There is a petition received to that effect on which enquiries are being made.

Consumption of toddy and arrack.

99. ✻**MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a definite increase in the consumption of toddy and arrack in the State since Chingom 1118?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The answer is in the affirmative so far as arrack is concerned. No figures are available at present in regard to consumption of toddy.

Siren on the roof of Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Memorial Ward, Quilon.

100. ✻ **MR. K. G. GOVINDAN**: With respect to the siren placed on the roof of Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Memorial Ward, Quilon, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) under whose orders the siren was placed there:

(*b*) whether the previous or subsequent sanction of the Medical Department was obtained for placing the siren there;

(*c*) how many times the siren was sounded; and

(*d*) whether as a result of the working of the siren, the temperature of the in-patients in the ward rose up?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) By the Controller, A. R. P., in consultation with the local A. R. P. Officers.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Three.

(*d*) No.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether the sanction was obtained subsequent to or before placing the siren?

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